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Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present new application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. parent application serial no. 09/196,620. In that parent application a restriction requirement was set forth.

The present new divisional application is submitted to further prosecute claims canceled and withdrawn as to a non-elected invention in the parent of the present application.

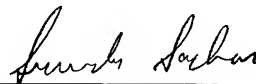
Claims 3-5, 8-10, and 13-15 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, and 12 are canceled and Claims 8, 13, and 14 are amended by the present amendment.

This preliminary amendment amends Claims 8, 13, and 14 to correct minor informalities. It is believed no new matter is added.

Consequently, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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